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DATE, VENUE AND FUNDING OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fifth Meeting (Geneva, 10-16 April 1997)

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

Recalling Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Convention, which states that the Secretariat shall "convene ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Conference decides otherwise",

Noting that only the first and fifth meetings of the Conference of the Parties have been hosted by Parties since 1985,

Noting also that the Convention will enjoy its 20th anniversary in 1999,

Appreciating the benefits that may accrue to the Convention and to Parties, particularly those with developing economies, that host meetings of the Conference of the Parties in different regions of the world,

Recalling further the *Resolution on Assistance to Developing Countries* adopted in association with the Final Act of the conference to conclude the Convention (Bonn, 1979),

1. *Decides* that the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties should take place before the end of 1999;

2. *Invites* Parties to offer to host the meeting and to inform the Secretariat accordingly before the end of 1997;

3. *Invites* Parties, States not Parties to the Convention, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund to enable the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be convened in a developing country; and

4. *Instructs* the Standing Committee:

a. to decide on the most suitable venue from the offers received;

b. to discuss with the Governments of South Africa and the Netherlands the possibility of organizing the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS in conjunction with the first meeting of the Parties to the African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement in South Africa;

c. should no suitable offers be received from Parties, to decide after consultations with the United Nations Environment Programme on the most appropriate alternative venue.